**Cyngor Cymuned Blaenrheidol Community Council**

**Minutes - 23 April 2024**

**Present:** Mark Davies, Dafydd Jones, Huw Morris, John Wall, Rhodri Davies (County Councillor), Amanda Roberts (Clerk)

As the Chair and Vice Chair were nor present, the meeting was chaired by John Wall

**1 Apologies:** Aled Thomas (Chair)

**2 Minutes from last Meeting (27/02/24):**

**Accuracy:** Confirmed by Huw Morris, seconded by John Wall

**Matters Arising:** See Actions Table below

**3 Correspondence**

See Actions Table below; as well as a list of additional correspondence forwarded since the last meeting.

**4 Planning** – none received since last meeting

**5 Finance**

* + **Bank Balance** – the Clerk reported that BCC had a balance of **£4,802.10** as at 13/4/24 (date of last bank statement); however, the first precept payment was due in April and a number of cheques were due to be issued, which would leave a balance of **£4,253.77**.
  + **Draft 2023/24 Estimated Budget** – a copy of the budget was circulated to the Councillors which shows an actual balance of **£4,507.10** at year-end (which does NOT include the £350 received from Rali Ceredigion, or the £50 sent to YFC -Trisant).
  + **Audit of Accounts** – BCC can expect a ‘basic’ audit for 2023/24. BS has agreed to undertake the internal audit once again this year.
  + **Precept 2024/25** – this year’s precept is **£4,706.** An increase of 4% was applied to last year’s sum (in line with inflation), which equates to an additional £181 for BCC over the year (ie approx. 78p increase each for the 231 households, per annum). The first payment of £1,568.66 is due before 30 April 2024.
  + **Invoices due for Payment**:

1. OVW Membership - £94.00
2. DJ – Defibrillator batteries - £100.00
3. Zurich Insurance - £732.03
4. Clerk – Annual expenses £1,106.96

It was agreed that all would be paid.

* + **Charity Letters**:

It was noted that due to the number of letters received every year, and the sum of the precept, only charities which are specific to the community are supported.

1. HAHAV (7/3/24) - None
2. The Wallich (13/3/24) - None

**6 Any Other Business** - See Actions Table below

Date of next meeting: 5 May 2024 (to organise D-Day 80 celebration)

Meeting Closed: 8.45pm

**Forwarded Correspondence:**

* Gain Valuable Insights on Diversity (1/3/24)
* Request for Nominations for the King’s New Year Honours 2025 (11/3/24)
* Opinions sought across Mid Wales on energy and transport use (11/3/24)
* Stakeholder Priorities Survey 2024 (SP Energy) (11/3/24)
* Town and Community Councillor Representative for Ceredigion County Council’s Ethics and Standards Committee (11/3/24)
* 20mph questionnaire (21/3/24)
* Ceredigion County Council Strategic Equality Plan (21/3/24)
* New consultation: Senedd Cymru (Electoral Candidate Lists) Bill (3/4/24)
* Sovereign Recreation Areas Visit (3/4/24)
* Aberystwyth Mayor’s Service 19 of May (3/4/24)
* OVW - Ceredigion Area Committee 15/4/24 (5/4/24)
* Catalysts for Care in Ceredigion (5/4/24)
* Local Councils set new standards across Wales (5/4/24)
* Cynnal y Cardi Newsletter Spring 2024 (8/4/24)
* Pethau Bychain Meeting 16/4/24 (8/4/24)

Please see Actions Table listed at year-end